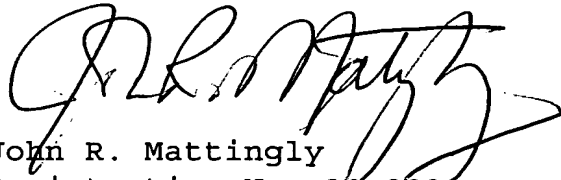


REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 10 and 11 are pending.

Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Mattingly", is written over the typed name and registration number.

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